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**Patent Application**

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Serial No. 10/664,477 Examiner TBA

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Title Centralized Control and Management System for Automobiles

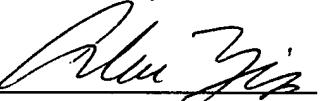
**PETITION TO ACCEPT THE DATE THAT AN OMITTED ITEM IS FILED AS  
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**Serial No. 10/664,477**

According to the Notice, Fig. 17 described in the specification appears to have been omitted from the present application. Although applicants believe the allegedly omitted Fig. 17 was included in the application when filed, to advance prosecution of the application, applicants enclose a copy of Fig. 17 in question, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. It is respectfully requested that attached Fig. 17, allegedly omitted, be incorporated in the present application, and that the filing date of this Petition, enclosing a copy of Fig. 17, be accepted as the filing date of the present application.

In addition, the present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/688,288 filed on October 13, 2000, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/904,855 ("the '855 application") filed on August 1, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,275,231. As such, no supplemental declaration referring to Fig. 17 is necessary here as the Declaration filed in the present application is a copy of that in the '855 application, which included Fig. 17 in question when it was filed on August 1, 1997.

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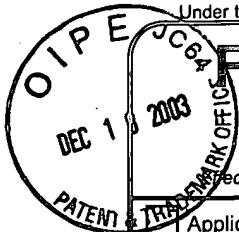
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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